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FREIGHT INFORMATION SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Railways has introduced a freight information system called "Freight Operation Information System (FOIS);

(b) if so, the manner in which this system is to operate;

(c) the number of railway stations in the country to which this system has been introduced;

(d) whether busy stations like Tenali and Guntur were part of this system;

(e) whether this system would keep customers to locate their freight; and

(f) if so, the other steps proposed to implement speedy loading and unloading of wagons?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) All the information regarding freight train operation is fed into the computerised Freight Operation Information System (FOIS) by the staff in the Divisional Control Offices, major stations & yards as the event occurs/train moves. This information once availableon the system can be monitored or viewed from any terminal on the FOIS system.

(c) FOIS terminals have been introduced at 233 locations including control offices, major stations, Railway yards etc.

(d) Guntur Railway Station is already a part ofFOIS system.Tenali Railway Station has not been computerised under the current phase.

(e)&(f): At present selected major customers are being informed of their rake movement position through e- mail. But once FOIS Phase II i.e. Terminal Management System (TMS) is fully implemented, customer willcome to know the exact position of their consignment on the basis of invoice no. and or wagon no. etc. Due to availability of information in advance, it is expected to improve planning & consequently improved loading and unloading operations on Indian Railways.